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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT (JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 1974)

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B. A-3527 OF MAY 1, 1974

1. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THERE WAS NO USG FUNDING OF GOM
DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.

2. SPECIAL PROJECT DURING REPORTING PERIOD:

AID PROVIDED 1,800 TO FINANCE PARTICIPATION OF GOM'S CENTRAL
NARCOTICS BUREAU CHIEF, HAJI ABU BAKAR BIN FATHIL, IN MULTI-REGIONAL
PROJECT ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION IN US.

3. TRAINING PROGRAMS IN US:

A. THREE MALAYSIANS ATTENDED DEA SPONSORED 10-WEEK NARCOTICS
COURSE, EMBASSY PROVIDED EACH PARTICIPANT WITH \$450 ADVANCE FOR
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TOTAL OF \$1,350; FUNDING BY WASHINGTON AGENCY. B. TWO MALAYSIANS

PARTICIPATED IN AID SPONSORED COURSE POLICE MANAGEMENT WITH NARCOTICS ORIENTATION, EACH PARTICIPANT WAS ADVANCED \$450 FOR TOTAL OF \$900, FUNDING BY WASHINGTON AGENCY.

4. TRAINING IN COUNTRY:

68 MALAYSIANS TOOK PART IN TWO TWO-WEEK COURSES SPONSORED BY US CUSTOMS, FUNDING ENTIRELY BY WASHINGTON AGENCY.

5. NO OFFER OF TRAINING REFUSED DURING PERIOD.

6. ADDITIONALLY, EMBASSY INFORMED THAT WHITE HOUSE SAODAP HAS GRANTED AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA \$4,450 FOR USE IN DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT/PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR AMCITS IN MALAYSIA.

7. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN OVERALL NARCOTICS PICTURE IN MALAYSIA DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS. A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE PUBLICALLY STATED THAT PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE IN MALAYSIA IS GROWING WORSE, BUT HARD FACTS AND FIGURES CONTINUE TO BE LACKING. DESPITE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN, GOM DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ADDRESSING ITSELF TO PROBLEM OF WEAKNESS IN LAW, E.G., STRICTURES AGAINST "AGENT PROVOCATEUR" AND LACK OF CONSPIRACY LAWS. USG PROVIDED TRAINING HAS BEEN HELPFUL; TRAINEES HAVE BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC, AND CONCERNED AGENCIES CONTINUE TO SHOW INTEREST IN THESE PROGRAMS. ADDITIONALLY, WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT PARTICIPATION OF ABU BAKAR IN MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT (PARA 1) WILL PAY DIVIDENDS, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF HEIGHTENED GOM ATTENTION TO REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. IN SUM, AT THIS TIME THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE MUCH SCOPE FOR EXPANSION OF USG DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION EFFORTS IN MALAYSIA, HOWEVER, WE DO PLAY A USEFUL SUPPORTING ROLE IN HELPING TO UPGRADE SKILLS OF MALAYSIAN ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND DEA HAS FOUND GROWING NUMBER OF OFFICERS TRAINED IN US "SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE".

8. MISSION NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR IS DCM IRVING G. CHESLAW, WHO WILL DEPART POST FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST. SUCCESSOR AS DCM, FSO ROBERT S. DILLON, WILL ASSUME COORDINATOR POSITION UPON ARRIVAL. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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